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MELANIE LYONS**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 5, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendment and response. Accompanying this response is a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and fee, thereby extending the time to reply from March 5, 2004 to June 7, 2004. (June 5, 2003 is a Saturday, and June 6, 2003 is a Sunday). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Also accompanying this response is a Notice of Appeal to maintain pendency..

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.